

NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

BELLFLOWER/CERRITOS – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following closures for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane reconstruction and pavement rehabilitation project on the Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from the Orange County line to Paramount Boulevard. A weekend closure is scheduled for a portion of the westbound SR-91 Freeway beginning Friday, October 15 until Saturday, October 16 in preparation for new pavement construction:

Weekend Schedule: Friday, October 15 until Saturday, October 16: Westbound Route 91:

- 10 p.m. until 4 p.m. - One lane from Bloomfield Avenue to Norwalk Boulevard.
- 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. – Bloomfield Avenue on-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until 10 a.m. - Norwalk Boulevard off-ramp.

The following overnight closures will be in effect, weather permitting, each night, Monday, October 18 through Saturday, October 23 for placing barriers, pile driving, striping, and pavement replacement. At least one lane will be open to traffic at all times.

Eastbound Route 91:

Nightly, Monday, October 18 through Friday, October 22:

- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from Downey Avenue to Woodruff Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. - Northbound and southbound Lakewood Boulevard on-ramps.
- 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (**DAILY**) and 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Clark Avenue on-ramp.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on and off-ramps.

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Friday, October 22 until Saturday, October 23:

- 9 p.m. until 11 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from Downey Avenue to Woodruff Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until noon – Northbound and southbound Lakewood Boulevard on-ramps.
- 8 p.m. until 9 a.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until noon – Bellflower Boulevard off-ramp.
- 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. **(DAILY)** and 7 p.m. until noon – Clark Avenue on-ramp.

Westbound Route 91:

Nightly, Monday, October 18 through Friday, October 22:

- 7 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes closed from the I-605 connector to Downey Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Northbound and southbound I-605 connectors to westbound SR-91.
- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Clark Avenue off-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Lakewood Boulevard off-ramp.
- 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.**(DAILY)**

Friday, October 22 until Saturday, October 23:

- 8 p.m. until 9 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes closed from the I-605 connector to Downey Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until noon – Northbound I-605 connector to westbound SR-91.
- 9 p.m. until 8 a.m. – Southbound I-605 connector to westbound SR-91.
- 8 p.m. until 10 a.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until noon – Clark Avenue off-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 9 a.m. – Lakewood Boulevard off-ramp.
- 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.**(DAILY)**

Route 91, one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County, was also one of the first freeways to offer HOV lanes. As a result, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear and needs to be replaced. The pavement replacement project will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Also, because of the 20-year longevity of the new pavement materials, the need for future maintenance will be reduced. This project began construction in spring 2003, and the final stage of the HOV portion will be completed in spring 2005.

